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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on August 6, 2009, Applicants provide comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Remarks beginning on Page 2 of this document.

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In the Notice of Allowability mailed on August 6, 2009, the Examiner provides a discussion of the cited references. For example, among other stated reasons for allowance, the Examiner states on Page 2 of the Notice of Allowance that the closest prior art found was 2003/0188179 to Challener et al. ("Challener"), indicating that Challener does not disclose the algorithm recited in the claims. Applicants would add that Challener does not disclose the other elements in the claims as well, including, for example, *a trusted platform module (TPM) having at least three registers* as recited in the independent claims. Moreover, to the extent that anything in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is interpreted as a characterization of Challener or the other cited references, or a characterization of Applicants' claims, Applicants do not concede to such interpretations, and reserve the right to challenge such interpretations.

Applicants respectfully submit that the file wrapper of the case sets forth the discussion of claims and references leading up to allowance of the claims, and sets forth the features relied upon for patentability over the cited references. The discussion in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance should be interpreted as consistent with the case history, and not as changing or adding to the substantive discussion of the file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted,  
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